

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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IN RE: WAL-MART WAGE AND HOUR )	MDL 1735
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES )	
LITIGATION. )	2:06-CV-00225-PMP-PAL
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AND ALL RELATED CASES. )	<u>ORDER</u>
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This matter is before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Settlement, Entry of Final Judgment, and Award of Attorneys' Fees, Expenses and Plaintiffs' Incentive Payments ("Final Approval Motion").

WHEREAS, thirty-nine class actions have been transferred into, or filed directly in, this Court for coordinated pretrial proceedings as part of MDL 1735, In re: Wal-Mart Wage & Hour Employment Practices Litigation, Case No. 2:06-CV-00225-PMP-PAL;

WHEREAS, the Court has received and reviewed the Agreement entered into between the Named Plaintiffs, the Class Representatives and the Class Members, on the one hand, and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ("Wal-Mart"), on the other hand, which was filed with the Court on May 26, 2009 (the "Agreement"), and has considered the terms of the proposed settlement set forth therein (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, all terms contained herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Agreement, unless otherwise defined herein;

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2009, the Court entered its Order preliminarily approving the Settlement of this class action, approving the form and method of notice, and setting a date and time for a final approval hearing to consider whether the Settlement

1 should be finally approved by the Court as fair, adequate, and reasonable (the “Preliminary  
2 Approval Order”);

3 WHEREAS, the Court entered an Amended Certification Order on May 28, 2009  
4 certifying for settlement purposes a State Settlement Class, a California State Settlement  
5 Class, and an opt-in class under the Fair Labor Standards Act (the “FLSA”) (together, the  
6 “Settlement Classes”);

7 WHEREAS during the Final Approval Hearing on October 19, 2009, the Court  
8 additionally ordered conditional certification of a Home Office Settlement Class;

9 WHEREAS, the Preliminary Approval Order further directed that all members of  
10 the Settlement Classes be given notice of the Settlement and of the date for the final  
11 approval hearing;

12 WHEREAS, the Court has received the Declaration of Amanda J. Myette, given  
13 on behalf of the Claims Administrator, Rust Consulting, Inc., attesting to the mailing and  
14 publication of the Notice in substantial accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order;

15 WHEREAS, the Court has received numerous declarations supporting final  
16 approval of the settlement and Plaintiffs’ request for attorneys’ fees and costs, including  
17 declarations from Co-Lead Counsel Carolyn Beasley Burton and Robert J. Bonsignore,  
18 experts William B. Rubenstein and Brad Seligman, and various counsel for the Plaintiffs  
19 and the Settlement Classes, and from certain of the Class Representatives;

20 WHEREAS, the Court has received and reviewed numerous declarations in  
21 support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval, including the declaration of the  
22 Honorable Layn Phillips (Ret.), and expressly incorporates each such declaration by  
23 reference herein;

24 WHEREAS, the Court having considered all timely filed objections to the  
25 Settlement; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Court having conducted a final approval hearing on October 19,  
2 2009 (the “Final Approval Hearing”), and having considered the arguments presented in the  
3 papers and during the proceeding, including a description of the history of this litigation and  
4 the adequacy of the Settlement, presented by Co-Lead Class Counsel and Wal-Mart  
5 Counsel during the hearing;

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

7 1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, all  
8 members of the Settlement Classes, the Home Office Settlement Class, the Class  
9 Representatives, the Dismissing Named Plaintiffs, and all Defendants.

10 2. In accordance with Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the  
11 FLSA, including, without limitation, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206, 207(a), 211(c), 215, and 216(b), the  
12 Class Action Fairness Act (“CAFA”) and the requirements of due process, all members of  
13 the Settlement Classes have been given proper and adequate notice of the Settlement. In  
14 addition, federal and state officials have received notice of the Settlement pursuant to the  
15 requirements of CAFA. Based upon the evidence submitted by the Parties, the Agreement,  
16 the arguments of counsel, and all the files, records and proceedings in this case, the Court  
17 finds that the Notice and notice methodology implemented pursuant to the Agreement and  
18 the Court’s Preliminary Approval Order: (a) constituted the best practicable notice under  
19 the circumstances; (b) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the  
20 circumstances, to apprise members of the Settlement Class of the pendency of the litigation,  
21 their right to object to the Settlement, and their right to appear at the Final Approval  
22 Hearing; (c) were reasonable and constituted due, adequate and sufficient notice to all  
23 persons entitled to notice; and (d) met all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of  
24 Civil Procedure, the FLSA, CAFA and any other applicable law.

25 3. The Parties have proposed, and the Court APPROVES, a modification to  
26 Section 8.12.4 of the Agreement to add in the clause “or shall be otherwise distributed in

1 accordance with applicable law” at the end of the Section. The Parties have also proposed,  
2 and the Court APPROVES, a modification to Section 6.1.2 of the Settlement Agreement to  
3 provide an incentive award of \$10,000 to the estate of Davelyn M. Paaao-Sako as  
4 consideration for her service in this action as a named plaintiff for the case from the State of  
5 Hawaii. Ms. Paaao-Sako filed the original complaint in the matter, and was named in the  
6 Consolidated Complaint. However, she passed away in 2007 and therefore was not  
7 designated as a Class Representative in the Agreement.

8           4. The Court has considered the objections that were raised with respect to the  
9 Settlement. The Court notes that it received only fourteen objections from a total of  
10 3,177,706 class members, or from less than .0004% of the class. Each of these objections  
11 was addressed in open court at the Final Approval Hearing conducted on October 19, 2009,  
12 and the Court entered orders rejecting thirteen of the fourteen objections. In the event that  
13 any of these objectors appeal this Final Order, the Court will promptly conduct a hearing to  
14 determine the need for each appellant to post a bond under Fed. R. App. Proc. 7.

15           a. The Court also received an objection from Clifford Ferguson,  
16 represented by attorneys Dale Evans and Kent Hirsch, all whom appeared at the Final  
17 Approval Hearing.

18           b. The Parties have stipulated to a resolution of Mr. Ferguson’s objection  
19 pursuant to an informal agreement reached among the Parties, Mr. Ferguson, and his  
20 counsel, Marshall Dale Evans and Kent Hirsh, and on the basis of this agreement the  
21 objection was therefore sustained. After hearing argument from all counsel on this matter  
22 at the Final Approval Hearing, the Court further orders as follows:

23           (1) The Court preliminarily approves a Home Office Settlement  
24 Class to include all current and former hourly employees who worked for Wal-Mart’s  
25 Home Offices in Arkansas and Missouri at a location other than a Wal-Mart store,  
26 Supercenter, Neighborhood Market, Sam’s Club or Distribution Center at any time from

1 May 18, 2000 up to February 27, 2009.

2 (2) Preliminary approval of the Home Office Settlement Class shall  
3 not delay the entry of final judgment or the Settlement Effective Date as to the State  
4 Settlement Class, California State Settlement Class, or the FLSA opt-in class.

5 (3) Subject to the other terms and provisions of this Order and Final  
6 Judgment, the Court hereby amends its May 28, 2009, Preliminary Approval Order  
7 preliminarily certifying the State Settlement Class, California State Settlement Class and  
8 opt-in FLSA class for settlement purposes to also preliminarily certify the Home Office  
9 Settlement Class. All terms and conditions of the May 28, 2009, Preliminary Approval  
10 Order apply to the Home Office Settlement Class. That Order is further amended to include  
11 Dale Evans and Kent Hirsh as Class Counsel for the Home Office Settlement Class.  
12 Carolyn Beasley Burton and Robert Bonsignore are appointed as Co-Lead counsel for the  
13 Home Office Settlement Class. Mr. Hirsh and Mr. Evans shall be subject to the provisions  
14 of this Order and Final Judgment, the Settlement Agreement pertaining to Class Counsel, as  
15 well as Pre-Trial Order No. 2, and all other prior rulings of the Court in the proceedings in  
16 MDL 1735.

17 (4) The Claims Administrator shall mail notice to the Home Office  
18 Settlement Class in accordance with the notice procedures approved in the Preliminary  
19 Approval Order. Members of the State Settlement Class, California State Settlement Class,  
20 and/or the FLSA opt-in class to whom the Claims Administrator has already mailed notice  
21 of the Settlement Classes in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order need not be  
22 mailed notice regarding the Home Office Settlement unless they are also members of the  
23 Home Office Settlement Class. Members of the Home Office Settlement Class may submit  
24 claims by way of a Short Claim Form or a Long Claim Form, which Claim Forms shall  
25 follow the form and procedure provided for in Sections 8.2 - 8.8, 8.11, and 8.13 of the  
26 Agreement, and shall have the right to opt out of the Home Office Settlement Class or

1 object to the proposed Home Office Settlement in accordance with the procedures set forth  
2 in Sections 8.14 and 8.15 of the Agreement. Members of the Home Office Settlement  
3 Class, however, shall neither have standing to object to the Settlement of the California  
4 State Settlement Class, the State Settlement Class, or the FLSA opt-in class, nor to object to  
5 the award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs in regard to those settled classes, or to the award of  
6 Plaintiffs' incentive payments approved by this Final Order and Judgment. No objection by  
7 any member of the Home Office Settlement Class shall serve as a basis for obstructing,  
8 delaying, staying, or appealing this Final Order and Judgment with respect to the California  
9 State Settlement Class, the State Settlement Class, the FLSA opt-in class, or the payment of  
10 Attorneys' Fees and Costs for the aforementioned classes. The members of the Home  
11 Office Settlement Class shall have the right to object to and appeal the Home Office  
12 Settlement and the payment of any Attorneys' Fees or Costs allocated to the Class Counsel  
13 for the Home Office Settlement Class. Wal-Mart shall pay the reasonable costs of notice  
14 and claims administration with respect to the Home Office Settlement Class, and such costs  
15 shall count against the Ceiling.

16 (5) Approved Claims submitted by members of the Home Office  
17 Settlement Class shall be paid from the Class Settlement Amount, and shall count against  
18 the Floor or the Ceiling in accordance with Section 6 of the Agreement. Wal-Mart shall not  
19 be required to pay any funds in addition to the Class Settlement Amount.

20 (6) The Court appoints Clifford Ferguson as the Class  
21 Representative for the Home Office Settlement Class and preliminarily approves a Class  
22 Representative Incentive Award to Clifford Ferguson in the amount of Ten Thousand  
23 Dollars (\$10,000), which shall count against the Floor.

24 (7) Class Counsel for the Home Office Settlement Class shall submit  
25 their request for attorneys' fees and costs to Co-Lead Counsel by November 20, 2009.  
26 Counsel for the Home Office Class have agreed, and it is hereby ORDERED, that their

1 request for fees and costs shall not exceed \$100,000. The Notice mailed to Home Office  
2 Class members and other claims documents distributed to the Home Office Class will  
3 expressly state that attorneys' fees and costs associated with this class will not exceed  
4 \$100,000. Consistent with their duties, Co-Lead Counsel shall review and verify the fees  
5 and costs actually requested, and in their discretion may object to fees or cost  
6 reimbursements sought by Home Office Counsel. Any attorneys' fees and costs awarded to  
7 Class Counsel for the Home Office Settlement Class shall be paid from the Attorneys' Fees  
8 and Costs already awarded by the Court pursuant to this Order and shall count against the  
9 Floor. In the event of an objection or appeal of the attorneys' fees or costs awarded to Class  
10 Counsel for the Home Office Settlement Class, the funding and payment of Attorneys' Fees  
11 and Costs to Class Counsel for the California Settlement Class, the State Settlement Class,  
12 and the FLSA opt-in class pursuant to Section 8.12.2 of the Agreement shall not be delayed  
13 or otherwise reduced by any claim to fees or costs by Class Counsel for the Home Office  
14 Settlement Class, subject to reservation by Class Counsel of the ceiling of \$100,000, which  
15 shall constitute an appropriate reserve to compensate such counsel after all objections and  
16 appeals of the Home Office Class have been exhausted.

17 (8) The release contained in Section 10.2 of the Settlement  
18 Agreement is amended to include the release given by the members of the Home Office  
19 Settlement Class, and the definition of State Settlement Class Releasing Class Members is  
20 amended to include members of the Home Office Settlement Class who do not exclude  
21 themselves from the Home Office Settlement.

22 (9) The Court shall hold a final approval hearing with respect to the  
23 Home Office Settlement Class on a date to be set on or about 75 days from the mailing of  
24 notice to the Home Office Settlement Class.

25 (10) All other terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement  
26 apply to the Home Office Settlement Class.

1           5. Based upon the evidence submitted by the Parties, including the declarations  
2 of experts, the Settlement Agreement, the arguments of counsel, and all the files, records  
3 and proceedings in this case, the Court further finds that the Settlement of this action  
4 (excluding the Home Office Settlement which has been preliminarily approved in  
5 accordance with the terms of Paragraphs 4(h) of this Order) warrants final approval  
6 pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the FLSA because it is fair,  
7 adequate, and reasonable to those it affects, and resulted from vigorously contested  
8 litigation, including extensive discovery, motion practice, and good-faith arm's length  
9 negotiations between the parties, and is in the public interest considering the following  
10 factors:

- 11           (a) the strength of the plaintiffs' case;
- 12           (b) the risk, expense, complexity and likely duration of further litigation;
- 13           (c) the risk of maintaining class action status throughout the trial;
- 14           (d) the amount offered in settlement;
- 15           (e) the extent of discovery completed, and the stage of the proceedings;
- 16           (f) the experience and views of counsel;
- 17           (g) the presence of a governmental participant; and
- 18           (h) the reaction of the class members to the proposed settlement.

19 After carefully considering each of these factors, the Court finds that this settlement  
20 provides substantial benefits to the class members through both economic and injunctive  
21 relief. Torrison v. Tucson Elec. Power Co., 8 F.3d 1370, 1375 (9th Cir. 1993); Officers for  
22 Justice v. Civil Serv. Comm'n of the City & County of San Francisco, 688 F.2d 615, 625  
23 (9th Cir. 1982). This Settlement may be presumed to be fair, because settlements that  
24 follow sufficient discovery and genuine arm's length negotiation are presumed fair. Hanlon  
25 v. Chrysler Corp., 150 F.3d 1011, 1026 (9th Cir. 1998). Here, the settlement was reached  
26 after extensive negotiations with the Honorable Layn R. Phillips (Ret.), who submitted a



1 declaration in support of preliminary approval. Moreover, as addressed above, and in  
2 Plaintiffs' briefing, and supported by the Declaration of Professor Rubenstein, this case was  
3 incredibly risky from inception and the result exceptionally favorable to the Class,  
4 particularly in light of this Court's denial of class certification, which made the chance for  
5 the Class Members to obtain any redress slim. The Court likewise finds that discovery was  
6 extensive in this litigation, and that counsel conducted the necessary and appropriate  
7 investigation to properly evaluate this case and settlement value. The Court further finds  
8 that the fact that none of the governmental agencies receiving notice, which includes all of  
9 the State Attorney Generals and Departments of Labor throughout the United States, and  
10 Puerto Rico, objected to the settlement, and that only 14 Class Members had issue with the  
11 terms, is overwhelming evidence of the fairness.

12           6. The Plaintiffs' Motions for Final Approval are hereby GRANTED, and the  
13 Settlement and the Agreement (as modified by Paragraphs 3 and (c) of this Order) are  
14 hereby APPROVED as fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the public interest. The Parties are  
15 directed to consummate the Agreement in accordance with its terms.

16           7. The Court finally certifies the State Settlement Class, the California State  
17 Settlement Class and the FLSA opt-in class for settlement purposes in accordance with the  
18 terms and conditions of the Amended Certification Order dated May 28, 2009.

19           8. The Court APPROVES payment of the Class Settlement Amount in  
20 accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Order.

21           9. The Court APPROVES payment of Class Representative Compensation  
22 Awards to Nancy Hall, John Luce, John McFarlin, and Dora Jackson in the amount of  
23 \$15,000 each. The Court APPROVES payment of Class Representative Incentive Awards  
24 to Ashley Pritchett, Carlene Griffin, Erica Bayardo, Jean Henderson, Margaret Tisdale,  
25 Chad Parrish, Tammy Lynn Poha Shibata, Moke Palakiko, Reginald Jackson, Phil  
26 Ankenman, Bryan Trenkle, Danny Christy, Carolyn Penn, Eric Penn, Anthony Woods,

1 Barbara Whitacre, Cathy Olinger, Rebecca Cole, Hazel Stafford, Tammy Brogan, Travis  
2 Williams, Lori Kraemer, Janet Nolan, Bonnie Newill, Nina M. Ossler, Gerald Mathies,  
3 Dana Lose, Ann Campbell, Michael Scaramuzzo, Jason Hicks, Norma Williams, Raymond  
4 Deas, Harriet Payne, Pam Brogan, Francis Gail Patterson, Jane Markins, Adriane Smith,  
5 Mark Curless, and Wilson Trinidad Cruzado in the amount of \$10,000 each. In addition,  
6 pursuant to Paragraph 3 above, the Court APPROVES payment to the estate of Davelyn M.  
7 Paaao-Sako of \$10,000.

8           10. The Court APPROVES payment to the following Dismissing Named  
9 Plaintiffs: Sherry Richardson, Nola Gilles, Sadie Kuwamoto, Kara Raney, Izet Husidic,  
10 Tina Koenen, Shannon Phelps, Christopher Dale Hanneken, Tammie Grey, Theresa Pedro,  
11 Francis Betters, Shanaia Brown, Shirley Evans, and Heather Connatser, in the amount of  
12 \$10,000 each, which, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, shall be payable upon  
13 dismissal of each corresponding Overlapping Action.

14           11. The Court finds that the request of Class Counsel for an award of 33.333%  
15 in attorneys' fees is reasonable and justified. However, the Court reserves ruling on  
16 whether the 33.333% will apply to the Floor settlement amount of \$65 million or the  
17 Ceiling settlement amount of \$85 million until after the November 9, 2009 deadline for  
18 filing claims has passed. Counsel for Plaintiffs shall advise the Court in writing not later  
19 than November 12, 2009 of the total amount of claims made, whereupon the Court will  
20 enter promptly a final order awarding attorneys' fees.

21           a. The Court finds that Class Counsel have achieved an exceptionally  
22 favorable result for the members of the Settlement Classes by diligently pursuing this  
23 complex litigation for years despite the substantial risk of no recovery. The Court further  
24 finds that the settlement reached here is exceptional in view of this Court's ruling denying  
25 class certification on June 20, 2008, as well as the prior denials of class certification by state  
26 courts in a dozen of the states included in this Settlement. The result achieved is a

1 significant factor to be considered in making a fee award. Hensley v. Eckerhart, 461 U.S.  
2 424, 436 (1983).

3           b. The Court finds that the attorneys' fees award should be a percentage of  
4 the common fund. "[A] litigant or a lawyer who recovers a common fund for the benefit of  
5 persons other than himself or his client is entitled to a reasonable attorney's fee from the  
6 fund as a whole." Boeing Co. v. Van Gemert, 444 U.S. 472, 478 (1980). "In a common  
7 fund case, the district court has discretion to apply either the lodestar method or the  
8 percentage-of-the-fund method in calculating a fee award." Fischel v. Equitable Life  
9 Assurance Soc'y of the U.S., 307 F.3d 997, 1006 (9th Cir. 2002). The percentage method  
10 however, is favored. Manual for Complex Litigation, 4th § 14.121 at 187-188 (2004); Paul,  
11 Johnson, Alston & Hunt v. Graulity, 886 F.2d 268, 271 (9th Cir. 1989); Six Mexican  
12 Workers v. Arizona Citrus Growers, 904 F.2d 1301, 1311 (9th Cir. 1990).

13           c. The Court finds that an award of 33.333% of the common fund is the  
14 appropriate percentage fee award in this case. The Ninth Circuit has "established 25% of  
15 the common fund as the benchmark award for attorney fees," which is a "starting point"  
16 that can and should be adjusted when the Court considers the excellent results achieved for  
17 the Class, the complexity of the issues, the risk of no recovery, and the effort expended by  
18 counsel. Vizcaino v. Microsoft Corp., 290 F.3d 1043, 1048 (9th Cir. 2002); Six Mexican  
19 Workers, 904 F.2d at 1311 (exceptional results require an upward adjustment); In re Pacific  
20 Enterprises Sec. Litig., 47 F.3d 373, 379 (9th Cir. 1995) (complexity and risks warrant  
21 upward adjustment).

22           d. In view of fee awards in other wage and hour class actions against  
23 Wal-Mart in numerous jurisdictions that were submitted to the Court in support of the  
24 requested award, all of which are higher than the award requested by counsel here, as well  
25 as the facts of this MDL proceeding, the Court finds that an award of 33.333% is reasonable  
26 and justified. This Settlement provides significant economic and injunctive relief to the

1 Class Members. This case involved significant risk, in that Wal-Mart had defeated class  
2 certification both in this Court and in many of the states included in this MDL proceeding,  
3 and has demonstrated the ability and willingness to fully pursue its litigation defenses.  
4 Plaintiffs' case was further complicated by the fact that the prospect of overturning the  
5 denial of class certification was, at best, slim, thus Class Members would not have obtained  
6 any redress absent this Settlement. Even if Plaintiffs obtained class certification and  
7 proceeded to trial, the difficulties of maintaining certification and litigating the complex  
8 claims of millions of Class Members, as well as the substantial costs and delay involved,  
9 weigh heavily in favor of this Settlement. In addition, Class Counsel had to navigate the  
10 relatively uncharted waters of the newly enacted Class Action Fairness Act, and did so with  
11 great skill and efficiency. These are just some of the factors supporting the Court's decision  
12 to grant Counsel's request for an award of 33.333%. The Court hereby incorporates by  
13 reference hereto the declarations of Co-Lead Counsel, Class Counsel, and of experts  
14 William Rubenstein and Brad Seligman in further support of this award.

15 e. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Wal-Mart is obligated to pay a  
16 minimum of \$65,000,000, representing the Floor, and a maximum amount of \$85,000,000,  
17 representing the Ceiling. These amounts do not include the value of the injunctive relief  
18 obtained through this settlement.

19 f. In addition to the economic relief provided by the Settlement, the  
20 Settlement provides significant injunctive relief to redress the employment abuses at issue  
21 in this case. The Court finds that this injunctive relief likewise provides a significant  
22 benefit to Class Members.

23 g. The Court finds that payment of Class Counsels' documented expenses is  
24 appropriate. The Court therefore APPROVES payment of reasonable Costs to Class  
25 Counsel. However, as there remains a dispute among Class Counsel as to the precise  
26 amount of costs warranted, the Court will reserve ruling on the specific amount of costs

1 awarded pending hearing on the issue which is hereby set for Friday, November 20, 2009 at  
2 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 7C, in the United States District Court, District of Nevada, located  
3 at 333 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101.

4 h. Class Counsel are directed to submit an allocation plan with respect to  
5 the award Costs in accordance with Section 8.12.2 of the Agreement, and no monies for the  
6 payment of Costs shall be transferred out of the QSF until such allocation plan has been  
7 approved by the Court.

8 12. Action taken as relating to Section 8.12.2 and/or 22.9 of the Settlement  
9 Agreement shall not delay the payments to class members or incentive payments to the class  
10 representatives. The allocation of attorneys' fees and costs shall not serve to delay the entry  
11 of Final Approval.

12 13. The Class Settlement Amount, Class Representative Compensation Awards,  
13 payments to Dismissing Named Plaintiffs, and Attorneys' Fees and Costs shall be  
14 distributed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, and any further orders of this  
15 Court.

16 14. With the exception of the claims brought on behalf of the Home Office  
17 Settlement Class, the Class Actions comprising the Settled States are DISMISSED WITH  
18 PREJUDICE pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and without costs to any Party, other  
19 than as specified in the Agreement and this Order. The Overlapping Actions shall be  
20 DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Agreement.

21 15. In consideration of the Class Settlement Amount, and for other good and  
22 valuable consideration, all members of the California State Settlement Class other than  
23 those who have submitted valid and timely Exclusion Letters ("California State Settlement  
24 Class Releasing Class Members") shall, by operation of this Judgment, have fully, finally,  
25 and forever released, relinquished, and discharged all California State Settlement Class  
26 Released Claims against Wal-Mart, in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Agreement,

1 including, but not limited to, claims related to alleged alteration of employee time records  
2 and hours worked without proper authorization, including (i) claims for inaccurate creation,  
3 retention, and preservation of employee time records as a result of any of the claims covered  
4 by the Release contained in Section 10.1 of the Agreement; (ii) claims that Wal-Mart failed  
5 to pay overtime hours or other wages, including claims related to how overtime is  
6 calculated, as a result of any of the claims covered by the Release contained in Section 10.1  
7 of the Agreement; (iii) claims for failure to pay wages on termination or late payment of  
8 wages on termination or otherwise, as a result of any of the claims covered by the Release  
9 contained in Section 10.1 of the Agreement; (iv) claims for contribution to any Wal-Mart  
10 profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan as a result of any of the claims covered by the  
11 Release contained in Section 10.1 of the Agreement; and (v) claims that Wal-Mart failed to  
12 comply with the minimum wage and overtime obligations imposed by the FLSA as a result  
13 of any of the claims covered by the Release contained in Section 10.1 of the Agreement. In  
14 addition, the California State Settlement Class Releasing Class Members shall have  
15 covenanted not to sue Wal-Mart with respect to all such California State Settlement Class  
16 Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined from instituting,  
17 commencing, prosecuting or asserting any such California State Settlement Class Released  
18 Claim against Wal-Mart.

19           16. Likewise, in consideration of the Class Settlement Amount, and for other  
20 good and valuable consideration, all members of the State Settlement Class other than those  
21 who have submitted timely and valid exclusion letters (“State Settlement Class Releasing  
22 Class Members”) shall, by operation of this Judgment, have fully, finally, and forever  
23 released, relinquished, and discharged all State Settlement Class Released Claims against  
24 Wal-Mart in accordance with Section 10.2 of the Agreement, including, but not limited to,  
25 any and all claims arising from alleged: (i) off-the-clock work (including lock-in claims),  
26 which includes claims relating to the non-payment or late payment of wages because work

1 was performed off the clock and any record keeping violations that are a result of work  
2 being performed off the clock and, therefore, not being recorded; (ii) meal periods that were  
3 not provided or meal periods that were interrupted; (iii) rest breaks that were not provided  
4 or rest breaks that were interrupted; (iv) inaccurate creation, retention, and preservation of  
5 time records; (v) the alteration of time records and hours worked without proper  
6 authorization, including claims relating to one (1) and two (2) minute shifts, inserted breaks  
7 and time editing; (vi) claims that Wal-Mart failed to pay overtime hours or other wages,  
8 including claims related to how overtime is calculated, as a result of any of the claims  
9 covered by the Release contained in Section 10.2 of the Agreement; (vii) claims for failure  
10 to pay wages on termination or late payment of wages on termination or otherwise; (viii)  
11 claims for contribution to any Wal-Mart profit-sharing or other employee benefit plan as a  
12 result of any of the claims covered by the Release contained in Section 10.2 of the  
13 Agreement; and (ix) claims that Wal-Mart failed to comply with the minimum wage and  
14 overtime obligations imposed by the FLSA as a result of any of the claims covered by the  
15 Release contained in Section 10.2 of the Agreement. In addition, the State Settlement Class  
16 Releasing Class Members shall have covenanted not to sue Wal-Mart with respect to all  
17 such State Settlement Class Released Claims, and shall be permanently barred and enjoined  
18 from instituting, commencing, prosecuting or asserting any such State Settlement Class  
19 Released Claim against Wal-Mart.

20 17. In addition, all members of the California State Settlement Class and the  
21 State Settlement Class who have submitted an Approved Claim Form shall be deemed to  
22 have opted into and consented to join this action in accordance with the FLSA.

23 18. This Judgment is the Final Judgment in the suit as to all California State  
24 Settlement Class Released Claims and all State Settlement Class Released Claims.

25 19. The Claims Administrator is hereby ordered to file within thirty (30) days of  
26 entry of this Judgment a verified list of the names and addresses of each person who has


1 submitted a valid request for exclusion from either the California State Settlement Class or  
2 the State Settlement Class.

3           20. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, and subject to  
4 the terms of the Agreement, this Court retains jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of the  
5 Settlement and the terms of the Agreement; (b) distribution of the Class Settlement  
6 Amount, the Class Representative Compensation Awards, payments to Dismissing Named  
7 Plaintiffs, and the Attorneys' Fees and Costs Amount; and (c) all other proceedings related  
8 to the implementation, interpretation, administration, consummation, and enforcement of  
9 the terms of the Agreement and/or the Settlement, and the administration of Claims  
10 submitted by Settlement Class Members. The time to appeal from this Judgment shall  
11 commence upon its entry.

12           21. In the event that the Settlement Effective Date does not occur, this Judgment  
13 shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated, nunc pro tunc, except insofar as  
14 expressly provided to the contrary in the Agreement, and without prejudice to the status quo  
15 ante rights of Plaintiffs, members of the Settlement Classes, and Wal-Mart.

16           22. This Court finds that there is no just reason for delay and expressly directs  
17 Judgment and immediate entry by the Clerk of the Court.

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19 DATED: November 2, 2009

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21 PHILIP M. PRO  
22 United States District Judge  
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